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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1945
Government officials inspected sites for a new federal building, which probably will house the post office.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Spring, slow in showing up this year, has finally arrived. There are two kinds of Spring: The Rogue valley variety, and what the rest of the world, and California, think is Spring.

20 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1935
The first of several defendants facing trial in justice court for failure to procure dog licenses found not guilty yesterday by a jury which deliberated less than five minutes.

The Medford Active club, cooperating with the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor a May day festival which includes a car show, parade and dance.

30 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1925
From Local Mining News column: The Oscar Creek placer, known for its large nuggets, came back to true form this year with several large nuggets. The mine produced an \$860 nugget several years ago.

The rainfall up to this morning since last September when the rain year started measures 17.13 inches, and more rain forecast for the area.

40 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1915
From the Local and Personal column: City authorities report that Medford comes nearer being a "spotless town" now than at any time in the past five years. People disposed of garbage themselves rather than having it taken away by the city.

The school board authorizes pay increases for five principals and four primary grade teachers.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
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- Can You Get 4 of the 7?
1. Total employment this spring, says the U.S. Labor Dept., will rise or fall slightly, or stay about the same?
2. Iraq has upset the other Arab states by making an alliance with Great Britain, Israel, Russia, Turkey or the U.S.?
3. Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn is from Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Texas, or Virginia?
4. The speed of light is about 186,000 miles an hour, a minute or a second?
5. The capital of Switzerland is Geneva; right or wrong?
6. Ex-President Hoover's son is now a high official in the U.S. diplomatic service, State, Justice or Interior department, or in U.N.?
7. A widow is legally a relic or a relict?
The Answers: 1. Rise slightly. 2. With Turkey. 3. Texas. 4. 186,000 mile a second. 5. Wrong: it's Berne. 6. State Department. 7. Relict, legally.

Have We Overlooked a Bet?

A southern Californian visiting in the Rogue valley recently wanted to know why, with all the scenic country hereabouts, the comparatively cheap mountain land available and the numerous other advantages, there are no public guest ranches—or, as they are generally known, dude ranches—in the Medford vicinity.

INQUIRY at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, he said, had disclosed the surprising fact that no such recreational facility exists nearer than Wrenn, 11 miles out of Corvallis, where the H Bar H ranch is located.

The visitor said his family has spent several summers on such ranches in Colorado, Wyoming and Arizona and that the children, especially, enjoy the opportunity for riding horses, camping out, fishing in the small streams which are available in some of the ranch localities, and otherwise enjoying a type of life completely different from that which the city dweller knows most of the year.

THE visitor's interest brought to mind a recent item in the Roseburg News-Review which told of plans for establishment near Roseburg of a recreation center along dude ranch lines. The Roseburg ranch, which is to be opened around June 1, will be located six miles south of the city in what is known as Happy Valley.

Spread over 3,000 acres, the ranch will include a nine-hole golf course, outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, a lodge to house fifty guests, a lounge and dining room, a rifle range, archery range, landing strip for airplanes, and a rodeo arena seating 3,000 people.

Special riding trails will be laid out and a string of 25 saddle horses will be available for guests. Riding trips will include chuck wagon dinners and breakfasts.

The owner stated they are planning to make the ranch the most outstanding recreational and entertainment center in the state as they believe the setting is ideal for such an enterprise.

Expenditure of \$500,000 is planned at the outset and more may be invested as improvements and attractions are added.

APPARENTLY the Happy Valley owners are getting a head start on the rest of southern Oregon in a type of enterprise which, for some reason or other has been overlooked up to now, but which should show a good profit once its attractions become widely enough known. E.C.F.

Please, Folks, No More

For several weeks past The Mail Tribune has been deluged with letters for publication, attacking or defending various religious groups and beliefs. At first, it was hoped that the flurry would soon run its course, as such things usually do. But, instead of tapering off, the debate seems to be rolling right along with no end presently in sight.

THEOLOGICAL arguments are seldom if ever conclusive or decisive. If they do anything they probably make for bitterness. For that reason it has been decided that, all sides having had sufficient opportunity and space to cite chapter and verse and to air their views, it is time to call a halt on publication of such letters to the editor.

So, please, folks—no more, for this time at least. E.C.F.

Parking Proves Value

Receipts from parking meters in McMinnville are helping to provide off-street parking areas in the city's business section. A full block of free off street parking was established there some time ago and the McMinnville chamber of commerce recently recommended that the city council spend some of the accumulated meter receipts for additional space.

ACCORDING to the McMinnville Daily News-Register the need for parking meters has been amply demonstrated since their installation. When bags have been put over the meters, on special community shopping days, immediate return of crowded conditions has been noted in the main business area. Persons wishing to park on the streets for short periods of shopping have found it difficult.

"It has been proved again and again," said the newspaper, "that the meters accomplish the job for which they were intended—to keep the street parking places available for ready use by the general public."

AT THE time meters were installed at McMinnville the city officials emphasized that the devices were not looked upon as revenue producers but rather to help solve the parking problem.

Construction of the big city lot for free parking for all was the first fruit of the program. The city now feels that the free off-street parking has been one of the most valuable public relations moves the community has ever made toward people of the trade area and expansion of the convenience is being urged. E.C.F.

Portland Sheriff Suspends Deputies

Portland—(U.P.)—Multnomah county sheriff Terry D. Schrunck suspended two deputies yesterday in connection with the seven-man jail break at Rocky Butte county jail last Saturday. Deputy Roy Cunningham was suspended for 10 days on charges of violation of jail and depart-



HOLDING SPRAY OF FLOWERS presented by Indo-Chinese Premier All Sastramidjojo (right), Red Chinese Prime Minister Chou En-lai is greeted at Bandung on arrival for Afro-Asian conference. Sastramidjojo was elected president as momentous parley began. (International)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Oregon's lawmakers are facing a tax problem that—according to Paul Harvey, AP's legislative correspondent at Salem—will keep them in session at least two weeks more. That would make the present session the second longest in history.

THE present plan is to hold a special election next fall at which both a sales tax and heavily increased income taxes will be submitted to a vote of the people.

LET'S state it this way: Whatever we feel we HAVE to spend, in order to provide the services we want from our state government, will HAVE to come out of the pockets of the people.

UNFORTUNATELY, a fallacy has arisen in our country over the past three decades. The fallacy is that money provided by government is manna from heaven, falling alike on the just and the unjust and COSTING NOBODY ANYTHING.

If and when the fallacy of that idea is exploded, we may be able to stop the constant rise of taxes that is presenting so many problems—all the way from the smallest taxing districts clear up to the federal government.

THE problem isn't confined to Oregon. Huge California, just like smaller Oregon, is scraping the bottom of the barrel and looking around for new sources of tax money. California is hoping to raise what is needed out of new or increased taxes on "luxuries" such as tobacco, liquor, horse racing and such.

ALBERT Einstein dies in a hospital in Princeton, New Jersey. He was one of the GREATS. The late George Bernard Shaw called him the greatest man in the world. He wasn't carried away by a thunderbolt from on high, as the Mediterranean ancients believed was fitting for exalted ones. He wasn't taken up into Valhalla by the Rhine Maidens, as the Vikings thought proper for men of his sort.

EINSTEIN'S fame began with the formula in his theory of special relativity, which he published at the age of 26. This was the formula: E equals M times C squared. In his formula, E stands for energy, M stands for mass and C stands for the speed of light. In simple terms, this means that mass and energy can be transformed one into the other.

This formula came to be known as the symbol of the atomic age and out of it came what we know as the principle of atomic energy.

EINSTEIN was a curious character. Among other things, he dressed in what he chose to call "very comfortable" clothes. His idea of "very comfortable" clothes included an old sweat shirt in place of a jacket.

He had a legendary disregard for personal money. He is said to have used on one occasion a check for \$1500 as a bookmark. It is characteristic of him that he LOST THE BOOK—along with the check—and was worried only by the loss of the book.

He never bothered to cram his mind with KNOWN facts. Asked one time as to the speed of sound, he replied: "I don't know. I don't crowd my memory with facts that I can easily find in an encyclopedia."

He wouldn't have got far in a modern quiz program, would he?

BUT he was great. The measure of his greatness is that he advanced immeasurably the frontiers of man's KNOWLEDGE.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

SHOWDOWN ON SECURITY

Washington — A showdown fight involving the government's whole loyalty-security system is now shaping up. The fight will center on a minor official in the International Monetary Fund, called William Henry Taylor.

Taylor was one of those named by Elizabeth Bentley, the famous former Communist espionage courier, as a member of the espionage group in the Treasury Department during the war. The Bentley charge was repeated in substance before a Senate committee by Attorney General Herbert Brownell in 1953, when he testified on the case of the late Harry Dexter White.

Taylor, who has never taken the Fifth Amendment, has repeatedly and flatly denied under oath that he was ever a Soviet agent or a communist. He has now demanded, in letters to the members of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, that his case be investigated publicly; that he be allowed to confront his chief accuser, Miss Bentley; and that his guilt or innocence be finally determined.

At the same time, he has asked the Loyalty Board which has been hearing his case to call Brownell and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover to answer questions about what he alleges to be demonstrable falsehoods in Miss Bentley's testimony. In short, Taylor and his lawyer, former Congressman Byron Scott, are now determined to force a public showdown.

One result of the showdown could be to prove that Taylor is a former spy, as alleged by Miss Bentley and Brownell. Another result could be to clear his name. But if Taylor's name is cleared, a heavy cloud of doubt will be thrown over all Elizabeth Bentley's testimony, and indeed over the Justice Department's methods and the whole security system. It is easy to see why the Taylor case could start a major row.

Taylor's position is extraordinary. He has, after all, been in effect branded a Soviet spy by the Attorney General of the United States. Yet he still holds a public position, and part of his salary, at least, is paid by the United States Treasury.

Taylor is, in fact, the last of those named by Miss Bentley who still holds a public position. Very heavy pressure has been brought to bear on the Monetary Fund to get rid of him quietly. Among other high officials, both former Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder and his successor, George Humphrey have written to the Fund urging that Taylor be fired.

The Fund managers, however, have quite properly taken the position that the charges against Taylor should first be heard. His case was therefore assigned early in 1953 to the International Organization's Employees Loyalty Board.

This board has been holding intermittent hearings for a year and a half. During all this time, despite the flat statement of the Attorney General to the Senate committee, the board has been

unable to establish that Taylor is guilty as charged, or even that the "reasonable doubt" required for firing as a security risk exists. Accordingly, Taylor still holds his job.

Taylor's defense before the board has been simply to challenge the veracity of his accuser, Miss Bentley, not only in his own case, but in the case of Harry Dexter White and others. In a public showdown, he will make the same defense.

Taylor and his lawyer have prepared a dossier of more than 100 pages, which purports to demonstrate that Miss Bentley's testimony is a morass of contradictions. Some of the contradictions cited in this remarkable document are trivial, the sort of small mistakes any human being makes. But some do not seem trivial. For example, according to the dossier, Miss Bentley at one point testified that Taylor passed her documents, and at another point she testified that she had never met Taylor.

Miss Bentley's testimony may of course prove substantially entirely accurate, and Taylor guilty as charged. There is no doubt that Communist spy nets did indeed operate in the government during the war. Because ex-Communist informers like Miss Bentley have been useful in establishing this fact, there are fierce pressures to suppress all challenges to their veracity.

JUSTICE Department officials, including Brownell, have come precious close to taking the ridiculous and profoundly un-American position that anyone who would cast doubt on the word of an ex-Communist must be part of a Communist plot. The best commentary on this nonsense was supplied by Brownell's own action last week, in firing the Justice Department's whole collection of professional full-time informers.

But just because Miss Bentley's testimony has been so important, and because Brownell himself is committed on Taylor's guilt, the pressures will be particularly fierce in this case.

Yet surely Taylor should have a chance to prove, one way or another, once and for all, whether he took part in espionage, and thus betrayed his country. It is monstrous and intolerable that, in this free country, a man should be branded a traitor by the Attorney General of the United States, and then denied a chance to clear his name.

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Drink, Firecrackers Blamed for Defeat
Lake Charles, La.—(U.P.)—Research director Mark A. Lower of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation blames the defeat of an anti-gambling bill on liquor and firecrackers.

Lower told a foundation convention Tuesday that a number of the state legislators had been drinking and five were "dead drunk—stiff" when the bill was defeated and that the popping of firecrackers "made it impossible to carry on business."

In addition, he said, a "number of known prostitutes from Baton Rouge and New Orleans were present."

Diplomatic 'Sleeper' Possible in Russia's Treaty With Austria

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

Russia's strategy, in its offer to sign a treaty restoring Austrian independence, is still not clear.

One thing is certain. The Soviet government has not, after all these years, suddenly become eager to free Austria.

It is obviously trying, by indirect means, to keep Austria's neighbor, West Germany, from arming and joining

the Western alliance against Communist aggression.

On the surface it really does look as if the Kremlin has offered to sign a reasonable Austrian independence treaty, and to withdraw its occupation troops from the country by next December 31. That, if it turns out to be true, is a surprising development.

The Soviet government does not customarily withdraw its troops voluntarily from any country in which it has managed to plant them.

That is one reason for suspicion as to the Kremlin's good faith.

Another reason, of course, is that the Kremlin seldom acts in good faith in its relations with the West anyway.

Hence there well may be a diplomatic "sleeper" in the Russian treaty offer.

When the time for negotiation comes, the United States, Great Britain and France may find that the Kremlin will waltz on the troop withdrawal offer—that it will cite West German armament as a reason why it must keep troops in Austria.

Alternatively, it may be that the Russians will demand such drastic guarantees of Austrian neutrality as between East and West that Austrian sovereignty would not be restored.

In any event, it is generally agreed that Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov has made a smart move.

Molotov failed in his desperate attempt to prevent the negotiation and ratification of the treaties providing for West Germany's arming.

Now he is trying to sabotage the armament program by offering Austria its freedom.

Immediate suspicion was expressed in Washington of the good faith of the Russian offer.

But the reaction in Austria was enthusiastic. Austrians are quite willing to guarantee their neutrality if only they can get foreign troops out of their country.

The reaction in West Germany also was what Molotov must have hoped. Many Germans opposed bitterly, and still oppose, the idea of rearming and joining the West. They would like to keep out of the cold war—and of any hot war.

These Germans asked at once why, if Austria could get its freedom by promising neutrality, Germany could not do likewise.

Bomb Scare Chases School Students

Lake Stevens, Wash.—(U.P.)—About 470 Lake Stevens high school students promptly left the building yesterday after a man telephoned the school a time bomb was set to go off at 11:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

The students were given the rest of the day off while Snohomish County Sheriff Bob Twitshell and volunteer firemen made a systematic search of the school.

"It's probably the work of a prankster, but we can't take any chances," Twitshell said.

Twitshell said a prankster may have gotten the idea for the call from the bombing of a Portland, Ore., department store last week.

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